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“ 6 “ 4 “

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 19, 1893. 680

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JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 228

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THE business of the above Bank is con-

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TION. Rules may be obtained on ap-

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FIXED DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 15, 1893. 1518

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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$20,000,000.

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CHANTREY INCHBALD,

Manager.

Hongkong, November 6, 1893. 247

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$500,000.

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Hongkong, May 24, 1893. 47

IMPROVEMENTS.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth Ordinary General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 29th January, 1894, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 22nd, to MONDAY, the 29th January, 1894, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 13, 1894. 95

THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY General MEETING of the Company will be held at the Company's REGISTERED OFFICES, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 18th January, 1894, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution, that is to say:—“That the Austin Arms Hotel & Building Company, Limited, be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Company's Ordinances, 1865 to 1890, and that HARRY BROWN of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up.”

Dated the 9th day of January, 1894.

By Order of the Board,

JOHN A. JUPP, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE First Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, the 20th January, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and Statement of Accounts for the 31st October, 1893.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. A. DUFF, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 6, 1894. 54

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS & SHIPBUILDERS, HONGKONG.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE Third Annual General MEETING of MEMBERS will be held in the ROOMS, No. 13, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd January, at 8.45 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Managing Committee and Statement of Accounts for the 31st December, 1893.

ROBERT MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 3, 1894. 71

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th, to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., General Agents for the West Point Building, Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 8, 1894. 65

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, at 12.30 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th, to WEDNESDAY, the 24th January, 1894, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Hongk



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STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA,
INDIA, ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT,
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *GANGES*, Capt. G. W. ATKINSON, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 18th January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. (This Steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. *ORIENTAL*, which Vessel takes on her Cargo for LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, leaving that port on the 10th FEBRUARY, 1894.)

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to H. H. JOSKPH, Superintendent P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, January 4, 1894.

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GODOWN in WANCHAI, NO. 4, Praya East, next to the ASILE DE LA ST. ENANGE. Apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, August 11, 1893. 1405

TO LET.

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TO LET.

NO. 2, PEDDER'S STREET, next to the Post Office—suitable for OFFICES or CHAMBERS. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central. Hongkong, March 1, 1893. 380

Intimations.

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Rattan Core, Split Rattan, Canton Reed and Bindings of all kinds. Hongkong, November 17, 1893. 100

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Charges from 25 per day upwards.

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Hongkong, August 23, 1892. 1534

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YACHTS AND TELESCOPES, BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES, RAILROAD, LIQUID AND OTHER COMPANIES, ADMIRALTY & IMPRINT CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

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DIAMONDS & JEWELLERY, A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices.

To-day's Advertisements.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Agria*, Captain G. PETERSEN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignments of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods, from alongside.

Any cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godown of the HONGKONG KOWLOON WEAVERS & CO. LTD., and stored at Undersigned's risk and expense. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remain undelivered after the 22nd Inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 22nd Inst., at 4 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 15, 1894. 100

To-day's Advertisements.

D'ARO'S MARIONETTES AND FANTOCHES FRANCAISES, LAST WEEK!

OF THE OLDEST AND MOST POPULAR ORGANIZATION THAT HAS EVER VISITED THE FAR EAST, SATURDAY EVENING NEXT THE LAST NIGHT.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, at 3.30.

RECHERCHE MATINEE DE LUXE, Under the Distinguished Patronage and Presence of H. E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G., and Lady ROBINSON, and the Elite of Hongkong.

On which occasion half the receipts will be devoted to the AID OF THE ALICE MEMORIAL and the NETHERSOLE HOSPITALS.

The Troops leave for Manila on or about the 22nd Instant.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Private Boxes and Stalls, per pers., \$2.00. 2nd Class do... 1.50. 3rd Class do... 1.00. Galleries do... 0.50.

Children half-price to all parts.

Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of H.M. Army and Navy, half-price to all classes except Boxes.

Special Price for Chinese Ladies.

Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WATSON.

As the Number of Boxes is limited, early booking is necessary to avoid disappointment.

MISS M. E. & N. D'ARO, Sole Proprietors.

E. C. CLIFFORD, General Manager.

Hongkong, January 15, 1894. 102

HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

EXTRA PERFORMANCE. BY SPECIAL REQUEST, an extra performance of 'PRINCESS-TOTO' WILL BE GIVEN.

TO-MORROW (TUESDAY, the 16th January, 1894, at 4 p.m.)

Positively the Last Performance of this Successful Comic Opera.

Booking Office open at 10 a.m.

Special Rates for Children.

PRICES: \$3, \$2, \$1.

Seats for the Performance can be booked at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s Books of the words of the songs, price 15 cents, at the Booking Office.

Hongkong, January 15, 1894. 103

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Thirteenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, at 11.30 a.m., on FRIDAY, the 2nd February, 1894, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to the 31st December, 1893, and the Report of the General Manager.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED (from the 23rd Instant to the 2nd February), both days inclusive.

JARDIN, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 15, 1894. 103

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamer *Emerald*.

Captain *Emerald*, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 16th Instant, at their stay in Hongkong.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers, and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 15, 1894. 100

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIAGO.

The Steamer *Agria*.

Capt. G. PETERSEN, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Instant, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers, and is fitted with the Electric Light.

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Hongkong, January 15, 1894. 100

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

The Steamer *Carmarthenshire*.

Upsette *Pyrrhus*, will be despatched for the above Ports at Noon, on THURSDAY, the 18th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 15, 1894. 45

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(Calling at NAPLES for landing Passengers if sufficient indorsements offered.)

Calling cargo at through rates to ANVERS, AMSTERDAM, BOTTER-DAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.

The Steamer *Frigate*.

Capt. F. NAGEL, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 23rd Instant, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 15, 1894. 101

WARRACK LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamer *Argyl*.

Capt. J. C. WILLIAMSON, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 23rd Instant.

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SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 15, 1894. 100

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 17th Instant, at Noon at Messrs. E. D. SASSOON & Co.'s Godown.

7 CRESTS PATNA OPUM.

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Ex Steamship *OZARK*.

Wato or less Damaged by Sea Water,

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TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

H. N. MODY, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 15, 1894. 107

BONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifty Fifth Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Ban Building, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 2nd February, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRADING BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED (from the 23rd Instant to the 2nd February, inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 15, 1894. 106

DR. FENWICK'S FOOD FOR NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS.

ALSO FOR DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

IT is specially recommended as an article

of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it

will strengthen and support them, and at

the same time enrich the natural milk

and increase the supply.

INFANTS fed on this Food put on

fast rapidly.</p

Two enthusiastic rounds of applause which rang through the theatre on Saturday night showed how thoroughly "Princess Toto" has been relished by the Hongkong community. There was more "go" about the whole stage business on this the last evening performance than ever appeared before, and everything went with a swing which fairly carried the audience into enthusiasm and subordination. Indeed, when the Red Indians tried to come on the scene after the "Ballerina" dance, they were stopped by repeated demands for an encore of the dance, and it was not until the Stage Manager (Mr. E. W. Mitchell) pleaded, late hours that the Indians were allowed to proceed. The applause was phenomenal for Hongkong, and the members of the A. D. C. and those especially who have taken so much trouble and pains to amuse the community during this holiday season may heartily congratulate themselves that they have thoroughly succeeded in doing so. Few residents will preserve other than the most pleasing remembrances of the really beautiful scenes, marches, and dances introduced into this opera; and whatever may be said of the piece itself from a dramatic or musical point of view, the A. D. C. have every reason for congratulation upon what they evolved from it. As we have already referred to the leading characters in the cast and the success of the minor characters and choruses, it is unnecessary to repeat their praises. Doubtless all engaged in the opera will be a little relieved that the "Toto" session has come to an end, as the time spent on rehearsals and performances must have been very trying to all concerned. We may add that showers of bouquets, as well as applause, were the order of the night, and the dancers (not forgetting the little skirt-fairy) were all honoured in this manner. The Stage Manager (Mr. Mitchell) was called before the curtain, and bowed his acknowledgement. To-morrow afternoon the matinee performance will complete the series.

A sum of £861,193 has left Gravesend by the "Hendover," of which £137,753 is in her silver for Hongkong, £18,000 for Hiogo, £10,000 for Yokohama, besides £19,000 in gold and 247,000 chiefly in Mexican dollars, for Penang.

A HATTERSIEURS difficulty in connection with telegraphic communication has arisen in Mauritius, says an exchange. It is stated that—in 1872, 1874, 1876, and 1877, when on several occasions the maximum velocity of the wind exceeded 60 miles an hour, there was no interruption of the telegraph service, and in March, 1877, when the maximum velocity was 80.3 miles an hour, there was an interruption of 100 minutes. From 1879 to 1889 the island was not visited by a hurricane or even by a strong gale, but in the interval, the trees along the railways increased much in number and size, and on the 12th of February, 1892, when the maximum velocity of the wind was only 45 miles, telegraphic communication was interrupted all over the island, and again on the 29th of April, before the wind attained a velocity of 50 miles an hour. It has since been proposed to connect the Observatory and Post office by an underground wire, but in the meantime it has been decided to remove all the trees within a certain distance of the telegraph lines.

No more garrison experiments probably have ever been made than those undertaken by the Surgeon-in-Chief of the Roumanian Army. The commandant with the wounded inflicted by the new type of Maxim machine-guns, now being served out to the Roumanian troops. The experimenter, who has sent an account of the affair to the Paris Academy of Sciences, had a number of human corpses for the purpose, and these he placed in position in rows, like soldiers on the field of battle. At a range of 600 metres five bodies were placed 50 centimetres behind each other. It was found that a single bullet went through three bodies in succession when fired from that distance. Upon the soft parts of the body it was found that the wounds were perhaps less serious than those caused by the old-fashioned rifles, the bullet being smaller and more even; but on the whole the injuries are far more terrible. The effects of the contact of the bullet with arteries or with bones are almost too shocking to contemplate. The range of the new rifles is from 3,400 to 4,000 metres, or about 2½ miles.

A CORRESPONDENT writing to *The Times* referring to the failure of the New Oriental Bank says:—The report of the committee of inquiry into the affairs of this bank has been received, and it is in the history of the concern to be late in the history of the bank, and to its unfortunate shareholders. It will, however, be of great use to the public if it serves to call attention to the defects in our Company law, which have made possible, and even easy, the gross mismanagement and misconduct which have caused this disgraceful failure. If the suitor had done his duty, as the public understood that duty, the delinquencies of these directors would have been discovered, and put a stop to in time to prevent the enormous losses which actually took place. I am told that the auditor in this case sheltered himself behind the articles of association, which provide that he should be responsible for publishing the articles of association of any company together with its prospectus.

The Times, in a subsequent issue commenting on this, says:—The writer seems to have been misinformed in one respect. We have been shown the articles of association of the bank, and they are in the usual form, leaving the "auditor" with the customary amount of freedom, which, however, is very little in practice.

DEALERS COMPLETELY CURED.—Any person who has been unfortunate enough to learn of a new simple treatment which is proving very successful in completely curing cases of all kinds. The particular letters will be sent direct to the editor of this newspaper free of charge. The editor reserves the right to publish the names of the persons who have been cured.

THE MOBILIZATION.

During the past week, a considerable amount of activity was shown among the troops forming the Garrison of the Far-Eastern fortress. The occasion was that general mobilization of the troops under the command of Major-General Darke, and it is satisfactory to know that this annual manoeuvre passed off quite as successfully as any of its predecessors. Certainly the weather conditions have been in marked contrast to those of last year, and were all in favour of the soldier, who might easily not enjoy, much less appreciate, a long-ride of the tropics of Hongkong and of positions they would in all probability be called upon to defend in the event of a descent upon the Colony of an enterprising invader. Even the Voluntaries have not escaped the contagion of warlike spirit, and though a few of the "hot bloods" did their best to throw cold water on themselves into their work, as a body, with an amount of military ardour which can win for them nothing but the high praise alike from the commander of the Garrison, their own commanders and the civil community on whose behalf they are at all times prepared to do or die.

Of the movements in detail and of the actual numbers of men engaged we are unable to give any information, but from particular gleanings by our own correspondents with whom we are able to speak, it is evident what the idea which underlies the whole of the mobilization. On Tuesday morning, 9th inst., it was assumed that information had been received of the approach of an invading fleet. The garrison was accordingly massed on the parade ground, and despatched with all possible speed to their respective positions of defence. About midday, the enemy's ship arrived, and commenced to bombard the forts. The forts protecting the eastern approach to the Harbour replied. On Tuesday night simultaneous attempts were made to land at the Eastern end of the Island and in Lysemon Bay. Both were repelled. During the whole of Wednesday the bombardment continued. The defending troops were still able to maintain their position, and attempts to cut the Minfield cables and to effect landings at Lysemon were successfully resisted, as were all attempts of the enemy to land on the southern shore of the island. Thursday's operations became more complicated. The "Kitten" was captured at the west end of the Island. At the eastern end of the island the enemy's ship which had passed through the Lysemon entrance during the night engaged the inner batteries, and at the same time a force landed at Mira Bay came over the hill and attempted to capture the forts of Eastern Kowloon, a company of the Hongkong Regiment representing the enemy. There was much activity in all the forts in this portion of the Harbour, and again the enemy was sent to the right-about. As the day wore on, the enemy shifted his operations to the southern side of the island. Troops were landed at Stanley and a march made upon the Tytan Reservoir; but before they could reach this point they were engaged by the defence and driven back to their ships, just managing to escape capture. The Mexico Gun Corps particularly distinguished themselves by the vigour with which they threw themselves into their work, regardless of consequences. Attempts to land at Deep Water Bay, Aberdeen, Beachier's Point, and Stonecutters' Island met with less success, and in the evening the Volunteer reinforcements at Stonecutters, after having repelled all attempts to violate the shores of Stonecutters. Friday's operations in repelling landings, by day and by night, at Stonecutters, the Minfield, Belcher's, Sandy Bay and Telegraph Bay, and in checking another advance of the enemy from Stanley upon the Tytan Reservoir. When sun rose on Saturday morning it rained

astonished the fleet by going steadily to the front. She had held a long lead, but the "Pearl" managed to pass her and looked for the water to maintain her reputation for heavy-weather sailing. Her skipper found the galleys too trying, however, and a third lead had to be made. This was the "Stella's" chance, and risking a bit her crew let her in front, a position she held right to the finish. Whilst the sail of the "Payne" was being attended to the "Dort" also got ahead, of the Engineers boat, and it was not till the man-of-war anchorage was reached that the "Payne" got back in second place.

Times of arrival:—

	N.	M.	S.
Stella	1	54	15
Payne	2	1	20
Dort	2	5	20
Ladybird	2	41	10
The sun now stands as below:—			
Dort	46		
Stella	43		
Pearl	11		
Ladybird	8		
SECOND CLASS.			
Kitten	29		
Murray	20		
Damson	1 min.		
Elysia	2 "		
Cam	3 "		
Howell	17		
Charnian	17		

The "She" did not venture out. The boats found some difficulty in getting up to the line in time. The "Kitten" crossed the line first with a good lead, followed by the "Cam," "Charnian," and "Pearl" a few minutes in the rear. After going a few hundred yards she returned to her markings, her crew evidently not taking the look of things. On the run down the "Pearl" had a large expenditure of gunpowder, and had to make for the Hotel Company. After rounding the Minfield the "Cam" passed the "Kitten" and at the time the fleet got to Kowloon Point she had passed all the boats first and second class with the exception of the "Stella." Unfortunately for the "light blues," the shank of the bobstay broke, and the bowsprit immediately flew out and snapped short. The "Cam" was thus out of the race, and although some distance in the rear at this time the "Kitten" now became the leading boat of the second class. The "Charnian" went very well to windward keeping the Stonecutters' side, and at Kowloon Point was not far off the "Kitten." The "Pearl" had dropped some way behind, as seeing there was little chance of getting first honours her crew took in their jib, hauled down their racing flag and made for the mooring. The "Kitten" sailed the full course, but the "Charnian" did not cross the winning line. If she had done so (supposing she had) the full course she would have beaten the "Kitten," with her time allowance. The time of the winner was as below:—

E. M. S.

Kitten..... 2 32 b

The marks of the second class boats now stand as under:—

Pearl..... 32

Kitten..... 29

She..... 21

Cam..... 20

Elysia..... 10

Mary Ann..... 1

Stella..... 1

Charnian..... 1

Ladybird..... 1

Payne..... 1

Dort..... 1

Kitten..... 1

Murray..... 1

Damson..... 1

Charnian..... 1

Payne..... 1

Stella..... 1

Ladybird..... 1

Cam..... 1

Payne..... 1

Stella..... 1

Charnian..... 1

